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Abstract of WO9910778

A wet electrophotographic device using a nonvolatile, high-viscosity and high-concentration liquid toner as liquid developer, which is equipped with a photosensitive body (10) on which an electrostatic latent image is formed, a pre-wetting device (13) for coating the surface of the photosensitive body (10) with a pre-wetting liquid, a development device (14) in contact with the photosensitive body (10) for allowing toner particles to adhere to the photosensitive body (10) in accordance with an electric field generated between the development device (14) and the photosensitive body (10), an intermediate transfer body (15) onto which the toner particles adhering to the photosensitive body (10) are transferred, a press roller (19) which is turned in contact with the intermediate transfer body (15) and conveys a printing medium while pressing the printing medium against the intermediate transfer body (15), and a heater (18) which heats part of the surface of the intermediate transfer body (15) at a position before the body (15) comes into contact with the press roller (19). With this constitution, the toner transferred onto the intermediate transfer body (15) can be efficiently fused without giving a thermal influence upon the photosensitive body (10).

